

## industrial technologies program

#### **Sensors & Automation Annual Review**

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#### **Welcome Comments**

- ✓ What is ITP? What is its mission?
- ✓ What does ITP's Sensors & Automation seek to do?
- ✓ Developments during the past year
- √ Commercial successes

# **Industrial Technologies Program**



Improve the energy intensity of U.S. industry through coordinated research and development, validation, and dissemination of energy efficiency technologies & practices.



Partner with industry and other stakeholders to:



Increase energy savings



Reduce environmental impacts



- Improve process yield/conserve resources
- Reduce reliance on foreign oil
- Increase use of renewable energy
- Improve competitiveness and quality of life

### **ITP's Sensors & Automation**

#### Goals

- Identify, develop, and deploy integrated measurement systems for operator-independent control of manufacturing processes
- Systems will have application in more than one industry and will be fully compatible with harsh industrial environments

### **ITP's Sensors & Automation**

#### **End-Goal**

 Ultimately, these systems will enable a level of productivity and quality currently unattainable under human or machine control and increase energy efficiency by at least 5%

# **Developments During The Past Year**

- Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) renamed Industrial Technologies Program (ITP)
- Sensors & Automation (S&A) is now a sub-program
- FY '03 solicitation resulted in five awards
  - All five involve sensors
  - Three involve wireless sensors
  - Most involve process control in some way

### **Developments During The Past Year, cont.**

- Extreme Measurement Communications Center (EMC<sup>2</sup>) at ORNL set up to screen wireless technologies
- SBIR/STTR projects and awards
  - Three Phase II ongoing sensor projects
  - Four Phase I power harvesting wireless sensing project awards
  - One Phase I sensor project award

# Wireless Projects Activity Flow

#### Wireless Technologies

IEEE 1451.5

IEEE802.11b

ZigBee

Bluetooth

Other FHSS

Other DSSS

**Ultra Wide Band** 



Extreme
Measurement
Communications
Center (EMC<sup>2</sup>) at
ORNL



Field testing in harsh factory-floor environment

Provides reproducible, traceable lab standards

Verifies performance, interaction, compliance

Evaluate reliability, robustness, security

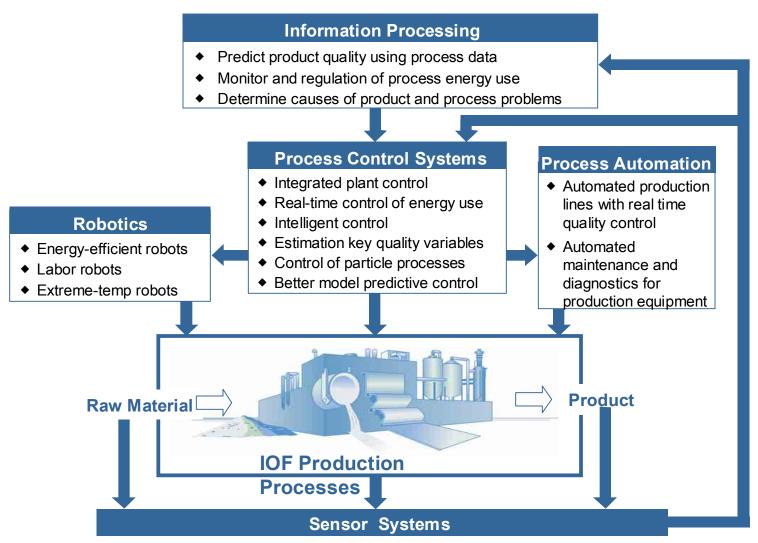
### **Developments During The Past Year, cont.**

- Dedicated session at IFPAC on innovative technology from DOE/ITP
- Public peer review generally favorable
- Golden Field Office fully on board conducting S&A project management
- S&A FY '05 proposed budget cut by 17%

### **Developments During The Past Year, cont.**

- This year's S&A Annual Review is being held jointly with ITP's glass and materials subprograms
- Completed studies to identify potential research opportunities in controls, information processing, automation and robotics
  - Opportunities identified based on energy efficiency gains

#### Recommendations for R&D from 2004 Assessment



## **Recent Accomplishments**

- Laser Ultrasonic Measurement System (LUT)
  - Uses laser-generated ultrasound to determine thickness of hot seamless steel tubing
  - Timken was prime contractor
  - Use on production line at Timken Company plant began March 2002
  - More than 900,000 tubes inspected to date
  - Annual energy savings at one facility of 23 billion Btus, 5% of the energy used in the process





## **Recent Accomplishments**

#### Hydrogen Monitoring Sensor

- Solid-state sensor that rapidly detects concentrations of hydrogen gas from 10 ppm to 100%
- Sandia National Laboratories developed the basic technology.
   Penn State was prime contractor.
- Air Products enhanced and H2scan commercialized the technology
- Unit costing \$3,300 replaced mass spectrometer costing \$150,000 in hydrogen plant
- Hundreds of customers as of year end 2003



## **Proposals And Reviews**

- ITP's S&A research area will thrive on good, imaginative ideas. To those of you that submitted proposals . . . thank you
- The proposals must be competently reviewed by technical and industry experts. To those that reviewed proposals . . .thank you

# **Agenda Highlights**

- Project presentations
  - ITP supported projects
  - SBIR Phase II projects
- Poster session and reception